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1. A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:

- an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
- a support layer; and
- a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:

a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis therethrough;

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a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis which is orthogonal to said first transverse axis and bisects said first transverse axis;

a first and second lateral longitudinal dimension on opposing sides of said center longitudinal dimension,

said center longitudinal dimension greater than said first and second lateral longitudinal dimensions;

said surface layer on opposing sides of said first transverse axis
being mirror images of one another.

2. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said surface layer on opposing sides of said longitudinal axis are mirror images of one another.
3. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said center longitudinal dimension is less than said first transverse dimension.
4. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said support layer includes at least one lift member.
5. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said support layer includes at least two lift members.
6. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said support layer includes three or more lift members.
7. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer is intermittent.

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A support device according to claim 5 wherein said device includes holes through (said surface layers) and (said adhesive layers,) said holes not through said lift members.

9. A support device according to claim 1 wherein said surface layer is bilateral symmetrical across both of said transverse and longitudinal axes.

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A support device configured for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of an animal, the support device comprising:

- a support layer; and
- a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:

a first axis which bisects said surface layer along a first dimension;

a second axis which bisects said surface layer along a second dimension;

said surface layer being bilaterally symmetrical across both of said first and second axes.

11. A support device according to claim 10 wherein said surface layer on opposing sides of said longitudinal axis are mirror images of one another.

(12.) A support device according to claim 10 wherein said center longitudinal dimension is less than said first transverse dimension.)

13. A support device according to claim 10 wherein said support layer includes at least one lift member.

14. A support device according to claim 10 wherein said support layer includes at least two lift members.

15. A support device according to claim 10 wherein said adhesive layer is intermittent.

16. A support device according to claim 14 wherein said device includes holes through said surface layers and said adhesive layers, said holes not through said lift members.

17. A support device for supporting tissues over a first and second nasal passage, said device comprising,

- a first side piece for applying over said first nasal passage;
- a second side piece for applying over said second nasal passage; and

- a bridge piece having a first lateral region and a second lateral region for attaching said first lateral region to said first side piece and said second lateral region to said second side piece.

18. The support device according claim 8 wherein (said bridge piece) comprises at least two lift members.

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~~20.~~ A therapeutic device comprising:

- a therapeutic layer; and
- an adhesive for maintaining said device in a selected location.

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